

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 980

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amber Elizabeth Dunlap on her selection as the 2021–2022 Sevier County School System Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Amber Elizabeth Dunlap is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dunlap has been selected as the 2021–2022 Sevier County School System Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Amber Elizabeth Dunlap is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a sixth-grade English language arts teacher at Pigeon Forge Intermediate School, Ms. Dunlap serves as an educator in the same district that she herself attended; and

WHEREAS, with a background in special education, Ms. Dunlap ensures that all her students are served and accommodated and are provided with quality data-driven instruction that is both engaging and culturally responsive; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her colleagues, Ms. Dunlap was recently accepted to the Sevier County School System's esteemed Blended Learning Leader Academy; she has also participated in a number of district-level projects, which include creating standards-based hybrid learning materials, reviewing instructional content, and piloting a new curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dunlap serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Amber Elizabeth Dunlap truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amber Elizabeth Dunlap on being chosen as the 2021–2022 Sevier County School System Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.